STATEMENT

Details of Proposals for opening the new Branch Post Offices and upgrading the present branch Post Offices into Departmental Sub Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh during 1990-91.

New Post Offices

Sl. No.	District	Name of the proposed Post Offices
1.	Bilaspur	Janail
2.		Ser
3.	Hamirpur	Bardh
4.	Kangra	Nachhir
5.		Gadhiara
6.		Mandahad
7.	Una	Batuhi
8.	Mandi	Khakhriana
9.		Dohag
10.		Lower Ghanala
11.		Beg
12.		Kot
13.	Shimla	Chally
14.		Erra
15.	Sirmour	Mseerwala
16.		Gwali
17.		Radi
18.	Solan	Koti
19.		Bhood
20.		Kalibari
21.		Malera
22.	Kullu	Sachni
23.		Neoli
24.	Chamba	Taragarh
25.		Krwangi

All these proposals have been cleared and Post Offices opened.

Upgradation

No proposal to upgrade any branch post office into Sub Post Office was received during 1990-91.

[English]

Subsistence Allowance to Extra Departmental Employees

4017. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Extra Departmental Employees under put-off-duty for more than forty-five days as on March 31, 1991;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide them subsistence allowance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) The issue whether the Extra Departmental Agents are entitled to the payment of subsistence allowance during the put-off duty period is pending judicial scrutiny in the Supreme Court of India. The whole matter is thus subjudice.

Agro-Based Industries

4018. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have submitted proposals to the Union Government for setting up of Agro-based Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ongoing Irrigation Projects in Bihar

4019. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing major and medium irrigation projects in Bihar;

(b) the progress made on those projects as on June 30, 1991; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) A statement giving details of appraised on-going major and medium irrigation projects of Bihar is attached.